

According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending October 28, 2001**. Favorable weather conditions are allowing farmers to continue field operations. Soil moisture was rated 9 percent short, 79 percent adequate, and 12 percent surplus.

Progress In Percentages						Conditions in Percentages				
Item	Event	This Week	Last Week	2000	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Cotton	Harvested	76	62	97	91	--	--	--	--	--
Rice	Harvested	98	97	99	98	--	--	--	--	--
Soybeans	Shedding Leaves	100	99	100	99	--	--	--	--	--
	Harvested	89	79	93	86					
Wheat	Planted	51	28	54	62	0	1	19	54	26
	Emerged	29	18	12	34					
Sweetpotatoes	Harvested	93	87	94	87	--	--	--	--	--
Cattle						0	2	18	69	11
Pasture						1	5	35	50	9

County Agent Comments

“Winter grazing is about 80% complete. There is plenty of moisture for seed emergence. Wheat for grain is virtually all planted and most is up to a real good stand. Cotton harvest is going well, but we still need about 2 to 3 weeks to wrap it up. Yields range from 400 pounds to 2200 pounds.”

— Jimbo Burkhalter, Tallahatchie County

“Rain delayed the harvesting of crops for a few days. Yields in corn, soybeans and cotton vary, but are expected to be average and above.”

— Melvin Oatis, Benton County

“Producers continue to get this year's crop out as fast as ground conditions will allow. As reported before, this will go down as one of the most productive crops in recent years. Fall planted crops are emerging from the good soil moisture that we have. Cows will be going into winter in better condition than normal.”

— Dalton G. Garner, Prentiss County

“Cotton growers rush to get the remainder of the crop out of the field, and many of them are anxious to get the cotton modules to the gin and processed. Grazing and small grain crops are performing well under the current weather scenario.”

— Tim W. Pepper, Yazoo County

“Row crop harvest continues to progress at a smooth pace. Yields are very favorable in corn, soybeans, and cotton. Some farmers are reporting 50 bushels per acre on beans,150 bushels per acre on corn and 2 bales per acre on cotton, which isn't too bad for averages. Winter annuals are greening up and beginning to grow. The 32 degree temperatures Saturday and Sunday night will help wind-up the fall hay harvest.”

— Houston Therrell, Rankin County

“About 0.25 inch of rain was received during the week which was otherwise dry and cool. Harvest of soybeans and cotton has proceeded well and is drawing to a close. The first major frost, which occurred over the weekend, will mark the end of summer pasture growth. Ryegrass and fescue are growing well.”

— Ed Williams, Oktibbeha County

“Soil is beginning to get dry and could use a good general rain. Rye grass that has been planted is off to a good start. Peanut harvest is continuing at a fast clip. Lots of hay has been harvested and more is still being cut. There is some concern about the price of timber. Many stands of young pine plantations need to be thinned and the price for pulpwood is still low. Some area communities are suffering due to mill closures.”

— Lee Taylor, Forrest County

Weather Summary from October 22, 2001 to October 28, 2001 for Mississippi													
District/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Avg Pan Evap
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Avg	
1. Upper Delta													
Clarksdale	83	39	61	60	+ 1	0.00	-0.75	0	3.15				
Cleveland	84	33	60			0.60		1	8.88				
Tunica	83	34	62	59	+ 3	0.33	-0.48	1	6.29	69	49	59	0.12
Extreme/Average	84	33	61	60	+ 1	0.31	-0.49	1	6.11	69	49	59	0.12
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs	82	22	57	57	0	0.93	+0.06	1	8.23	73	53	63	0.17
Memphis	84	35	60	60	0	0.44	-0.29	1	6.88				
Oxford	83	28	59	57	+ 2	0.62	-0.25	1	5.63				
Extreme/Average	84	22	59	59	0	0.66	-0.14	1	6.91	73	53	63	0.17
3. Northeast													
Booneville	82	28	58	58	0	0.38	-0.45	1	10.23				
Corinth	82	28	63	58	+ 5	0.00	-0.79	0	6.07				
Iuka	81	23	55			0.61		1	7.46				
Pontotoc	82	33	60	59	+ 1	0.65	-0.11	1	7.50	69	54	62	0.14
Tupelo	84	31	58	59	- 1	0.42	-0.38	2	7.79				
Verona													
Extreme/Average	84	23	59	59	0	0.41	-0.40	1	7.81	69	54	62	0.14
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni					1								
Greenwood	85	30	59	61	- 2	0.79	-0.09	1	6.37				
Rolling Fork	88	32	64	61	+ 3	0.07	-0.79	1	1.79	83	57	73	0.09
Stoneville	85	33	62	61	+ 1	0.01	-0.79	1	4.20	79	52	68	0.16
Yazoo City	86	33	62	63	- 1	0.03	-0.88	1	4.40				
Extreme/Average	88	30	62	62	0	0.23	-0.64	1	4.19	83	52	70	0.13
5. Central													
Carthage	86	28	61	61	0	0.22	-0.59	1	4.38				
Jackson	85	32	61	62	- 1	0.04	-0.75	2	3.57				
Winona	83	26	57	58	- 1	0.47	-0.33	1	6.23				
Extreme/Average	86	26	60	61	- 1	0.24	-0.58	1	4.73				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville	85	43	67			0.48	-0.23	1	3.83	71	55	64	
Columbus	86	46	69	60	+ 9	0.13	-0.65	1	4.76				
State University	85	35	62	61	+ 1	0.32	-0.42	1	6.19	74	56	67	0.13
Extreme/Average	86	35	66	60	+ 6	0.31	-0.47	1	4.93	74	55	65	0.13
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	85	34	65			0.00		0	3.07	83	56	72	
Natchez	84	31	63	65	- 2	0.00	-0.91	0	4.44				
Oakley	85	28	64	61	+ 3	0.00	-0.82	0	3.81	84	55	72	
Vicksburg	85	34	64			0.35		1	5.52				
Extreme/Average	85	28	64	63	+ 1	0.09	-0.77	0	4.21	84	55	72	
8. South-Central													
Columbia	85	33	64	63	+ 1	0.07	-0.63	1	3.82				
McComb	86	35	64	63	+ 1	0.01	-0.75	1	4.01				
Extreme/Average	86	33	64	63	+ 1	0.04	-0.71	1	3.92				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont	88	30	65			0.00		0	5.97				
Hattiesburg	84	33	63	63	0	0.06	-0.71	1	6.04				
Laurel	85	33	63	62	+ 1	0.00	-0.65	0	3.52				
Meridian	86	29	60	61	- 1	0.06	-0.65	1	5.35				
Newton	86	26	61	60	+ 1	0.08	-0.69	1	5.22	73	47	63	0.14
Extreme/Average	88	26	62	62	0	0.04	-0.68	1	5.22	73	47	63	0.14
10. Coastal													
Bay St Louis	87	35	66			0.00		0	4.35				
Biloxi AFB	82	39	65			0.00		0	1.45				
Gulfport	84	44	68	67	+ 1	0.00	-0.65	0	3.05				
Pascagoula	86	32	62			0.00		0	1.21				
Poplarville	85	36	65	65	0	0.00	-0.77	0	5.05	82	65	72	0.19
Extreme/Average	87	32	65	66	- 1	0.00	-0.65	0	3.02	82	65	72	0.19
State	88	22	62	61	+ 1	0.22	-0.56	1	5.04	84	47	66	0.14

DFN = Departure from Normal.